

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, January 13, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President English.

Present: English, McFall, Kowalski, Powers, Swathwood, Harlow—6.

Absent: Fletcher, Semerly—2.

The minutes of the meeting held December 8, 1971, were approved as written.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of letter to Mr. Robert Black from Industry and Government Management Services, Inc., relative to a survey made of the Parks and Recreation Dept. operations last year.

Placed on file.

Invitation to the National Recreation and Park Association members in Michigan to attend the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference, January 24-27, 1972.

Placed on file.

Letter submitted with donation from Louis A. Weil, Jr., to the Children's Zoo.

Referred to Staff to answer with letter of thanks.

Donation received for the Children's Zoo from Thomas H. O'Brien.

Referred to Staff to answer with letter of thanks.

Letters and donations received for the H. Lee Bancroft Memorial Fund.

Referred to Staff to answer with letter of thanks.

Communication from Director relative to the new vault charges and policies proposed

by Cemetery Superintendent, Howard Canady.

By Mr. McFall—

That the new vault charges and types of vaults to be used policies be approved by the Board as follows:

1. \$25.00 charge for all vaults.
2. Vault to be delivered the day before the funeral (at gravesite), or at the discretion of the Superintendent.
3. Bill Vault Companies first of each month. Must be paid by the 15th of the month.
4. Three types of vaults accepted: Cement top seal, cement box, metal box.
5. Cemetery personnel will set all vaults.

Carried.

Board member Horace T. Fletcher joined the meeting.

By Mr. Swathwood—

That the Park Board go on record that it have a roll-call vote on anything the Board votes on in the future.

1 Yea; 6 Nays.

Not carried.

Request from Earl F. Brossard to exchange three graves in Mount Hope Cemetery which he owns for a location in either Mt. Hope or Evergreen where there are four burial spaces.

By Mr. McFall—

That the Park Board grant the request of Earl F. Brossard to trade the three burial spaces which he owns in Mount Hope Cemetery to the City in exchange for a four burial plot in either Mount Hope or Evergreen Cemetery, it being understood that he will pay whatever difference there is to the City.

Carried.

Letter from Timothy John Halstead requesting the city to place a plaque in tribute to recently retired Department employee, W. James Longhurst.

Referred to Committee on Personnel and Public Relations.

Arthur S. Bechhoefer, Fred Helsabeck, Jr., William J. Keller and Dennis Williams were present in the interest of learning the Board's response to letters they had sent relative to the proposed plans at Potter Park for the establishment of a Children's Zoo. The matter was discussed and the letters were placed on file.

### REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Outdoor Swimming Pools report for 1971 was submitted.

Placed on file.

Third Annual State of the City Message, City of Lansing, was submitted by Mayor Graves.

Placed on file.

Cemetery Division report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Community Centers Division report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Forestry Division report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Parks Division report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Recreation Division report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Arboretum Park report was submitted.

Placed on file.

By the Parks Committee—

Inasmuch as it has been determined that a city gas inspector is no longer a legal

necessity and as Consumers Power Company has now removed its employee and equipment from our North Lansing Community Hall, and

Inasmuch as this building is of no useful purpose to our Department now or in the foreseeable future as it is unsuited for recreational use,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that this matter be referred to the Planning Board and City Council for their consideration as to the disposition of this property.

Carried.

By Park Board Committee of the Whole—

Whereas, H. Lee Bancroft, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Emeritus, City of Lansing, lived among us and served his city and community so fully over his life, and

Whereas, he has been called from our midst and his countless exceptional qualities of leadership, spontaneity, wit, judgment and professional ability will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him, and

Whereas, the Park Board wishes to express its gratitude for a life that benefited so many thousands; for a professional who helped establish so many national standards; for a visionary who never grew tired of evaluating and establishing an other goal,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Park Board take this opportunity of expressing its deep sorrow to the family in the loss suffered and to convey gratitude for his accomplishments and inspiration which shall remain as monuments in his memory.

Carried.

By Park Board Committee of the Whole—

Whereas, W. James Longhurst has retired from his long service with the City of Lansing, Parks and Recreation Department, and

Whereas, those years proved to his fellow employees that he is a man of strong character, ambitious, loyal, faithful and decidedly gifted as a gardener, creating beauty for thousands to enjoy, and

Whereas, the Park Board wishes to acknowledge and thank him for his many efforts during his years with the City,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Park Board take this opportunity of expressing its gratitude to W. James Longhurst and wish him many years of health and happiness in his retirement.

Carried.

Board member John F. Powers asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

The 1972-73 proposed budget was submitted, reviewed and discussed with division heads.

Referred to Staff for certain modifications.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE RUST,  
Secretary.

Approved by:

CHARLES G. HAYDEN,  
Director,  
Parks and Recreation.

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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### Special Meeting, January 14, 1972

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The Lansing Fire Board met in special session at Central Fire Station and was called to order by Chairman Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr., at 8:40 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Owen, Clark, Kauffman, Canady, Roe and Salerno—7.

Absent— Commissioner Nakfoor—1.

Commissioner Nakfoor was excused from the meeting.

Local 421 President Gary L. Thomas also attended the meeting.

Chairman Kauffman stated the special meeting has been called for the purpose of taking Board action in line with decisions reached in the course of a Committee of the Whole meeting January 12, 1972.

Specifically, the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board direct Attorney Norman Farhat to:

1. Take the necessary steps to initiate appeal action relative to the finding of Judge Hotchkiss in the Gerald Green matter; and
2. Request the court to rule on our petition of November 15, 1971, requesting lifting of the injunction prohibiting the conduct of examinations for promotion to the rank of Captain within the Lan-

sing Fire Department, with the understanding that one Captaincy will remain unfilled pending ultimate resolution of the Green matter.

By Commissioner Roe—

I move the Board approve the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

During the discussion that followed Commissioner Owen stated he was against the recommendation and wished his objection to be recorded.

Ayes: Commissioners Sheathelm, Clark, Kauffman, Canady, Roe, Salerno—6.

Nay: Commissioner Owen—1.

Carried.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

WILLIAM R. GREW,  
Secretary.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, February 9, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President English.

Present: English, McFall, Fletcher, Harlow, Kowalski, Swathwood—6.

Absent: Powers Semerly—2.

Dr. Lorne Olson and students Tom Dietrich, Debbie Beverlin, Dave Beverlin, Ted Harris, James Vedders, Tim Vogel, and Jim Underwood from Michigan State University were also present.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Request from Laurie Cornett for permission to use a city park for a young adult concert.

By Mr. Fletcher:

That the request be tabled until the next meeting.

Carried.

Letter from Frederick Sanitary Landfill, Curtis Daggett, requesting easement across Paulson Park property.

By The Park Committee:

Whereas the Frederick Sanitary Land Fill has requested an easement across property known as Paulson Park, an unimproved parcel under the jurisdiction of the Park Board, and

Whereas said Frederick Sanitary Land Fill interest has offered to maintain security of entry, policing and cleaning the property owned by the city, and

Whereas it would be an advantage until such time as this parcel is developed as a park,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Park Board recommend that City Council negotiate an easement for a period of one year to the satisfaction of both parties.

Carried.

Letter from Mayor Graves addressed to the State of Michigan, requesting resolution to be adopted for return of portion of Ferris Park to the park system.

By The Parks Committee:

In response to the Mayor's letter of January 17, 1972, which was referred to the Park Board, relative to Ferris Park being returned to park purposes by the State of Michigan, the Park Board wishes to urgently recommend that the City Council communicate with the proper authorities of the State of Michigan, supporting the Mayor's request for Ferris Park to be returned to park purposes, inasmuch as at the time that it was requested from the city, the State indicated it would be a temporary requirement for taking care of parking needs and that at such time it would be returned to the city, it would be returned in a satisfactory park like condition.

Carried.

Notice of lease expiration with Lansing Boat Club.

By The Parks Committee:

Whereas the lease agreement between the City of Lansing and the Lansing Boat Club will expire March 1, 1972, and

Whereas it is the recommendation of the Park Board that the city renew this lease for a three-year period under the same terms and consideration,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Park Board notify City Council of its recommendation.

Carried.

Request from the Board of Water and Light for permission to erect poles at Scott Woods for new service to Lansing General.

By Mr. Fletcher:

That the request be granted with the

pole locations to be at the descretion of staff.

Carried.

Request from Jacqueline Schraft for use of Grand River Park Facilities for three weekends for water ski tournaments.

By Mr. McFall:

That the request be tabled until the next meeting.

Carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. McFall:

That the Park Board also include the air seal type of vault as being acceptable at our cemeteries and that a \$25.00 charge for setting vaults accomodating caskets four feet in length and over and a \$10.00 charge be applied for vaults accomodating caskets of less than four feet in length, be established as policy by the Park Board. It is further understood that this \$25.00 or \$10.00 charge for all vaults will be considered an installation charge for setting vaults and depositing the caskets therein, and sealing, and further, that this charge will be billed in accordance with the wish of the mortician.

Carried.

Cemetery Division Report submitted.

Placed on File.

Community Centers Report submitted.

Placed on File.

Forestry Division Report submitted.

Placed on File.

Parks Division Report submitted.

Placed on File.

Arboretum Report submitted.

Placed on File.

Recreation Division Report submitted.

Placed on File.

M.R.P.A. Report submitted.

Placed on File.

1971 Golf Season Report was submitted.

Placed on File.

By the Committee Of The Whole:

Whereas, Jack Drumm has been employed by the Department of Parks and Recreation for many years and has now chosen to retire, and,

Whereas, he has been a trusted, loyal, dependable and worthy employee and has benefitted the City immeasurably over these years and will be greatly missed because of his many special talents, and

Whereas, the Park Board wishes to thank him for his many efforts and to wish him many happy and healthy years in his retirement, now

Therefore Be It Resolved that this resolution be adopted in recognition of his long service and as an expression of added gratitude for a job well done.

Carried.

Suggested changes in grave prices were submitted and discussed. Also, the possibility of using the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel for services instead of the graveside services was discussed. More study and consideration is to be given to these matters.

Staff reports were given.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE RUST,  
Secretary.

Approved by:

CHARLES G. HAYDEN,  
Director,  
Parks and Recreation

they will have a report for the Board of Public Service by our next meeting, so a recommendation can be made.

Mr. Ancell reported on the progress of the Michigan Avenue Bridge construction, and stated a temporary utility tressel should be completed by July 1, and that perhaps a second tressel will be constructed because of Bell Telephone Co. trouble. It has been decided to order the beams for the bridge ahead of time so they will be available when the contractor is ready for them. He stated that plans for the bridge are proceeding on schedule.

Mr. Ancell discussed the progress of the Washington Square construction project, and stated that by the 15th of April contract should be underway to install trunk sewers, and advertising for bids should be April 1st. He also stated that all the concrete and brick and the trees should be completed before the end of the construction season. Mr. Granger asked if we had funds available for this and Mr. Ancell replied the money is there.

Mr. Backus reported that the appraisal for the Public Works garage and property should be forthcoming in about 3 weeks.

Mr. Backus reported on the Model Cities Pickup program, and stated that operating costs seem to be holding at about .55 cents per pickup.

Mr. Backus referred back to the signed Stipulation with Water Resources Commission to provide equipment and materials

to remove 80% of phosphate effluent by December of this year, and stated they have come up with a method that will meet the specifications, and has received a permit for these facilities. He stated that 18 months ago we applied for State and Federal Grant for \$160,000 and we were No. 59 on the priority list, and he feels we will not receive any Federal money, or it will be some time before we will. Mr. Backus recommended that he be directed to send a communication to the City Council and the Consulting Engineer, with the basic idea that we would not put this job under construction until State and Federal Grants have been offered to the City of Lansing. Mr. Stephens so moved, Mr. Faggion seconded.

Carried.

Mr. Corbit reported that the tunnel construction is about half way down Ionia Street. He also reported that the Webster Farm Area Storm and Sanitary Sewers contract was awarded to Barnhart Construction Co. He stated that the Hillcrest Drain Area Storm Sewers was started Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA GARLOCK,  
Secretary.

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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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## Proceedings, March 8, 1972

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The meeting was called to order by President English.

Present: English, McFall, Fletcher, Harlow, Swathwood—5.

Absent: Kowalski, Powers, Semerly—3.

Minutes of the meeting held February 9, 1972 were approved as written.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Acknowledgement of membership subscription during the 1971-72 concert season of the Lansing Symphony.

Placed on file.

Request from Walt Lingo, Lansing Community College, to use Groesbeck on Wednesday, May 10, 1972 for a varsity golf match in place of April 24, as previously requested.

By The Parks Committee:

That the Park Board grant the request of Walt Lingo to cancel the reserved date of April 24, 1972 and replaced by the date of May 10, 1972 for Lansing Community College's varsity golf match at 1:00 P.M. at Groesbeck Golf Course.

Carried.



Request from Walt Lingo, L.C.C., for utilization of Ranney Park tennis courts for physical education classes beginning March 31, 1972 thru Thursday, June 8, 1972 and also for their home varsity tennis matches (5).

By The Parks Committee:

That the Park Board approve the request of Walt Lingo, Lansing Community College to utilize the Ranney Park Tennis courts for their physical education classes beginning Friday, March 31, 1972 and ending Thursday, June 8, 1972, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Further, that the dates of April 4, 18, 20, 26 and May 9 be approved for their home varsity tennis matches. April 4—12:00 p.m., April 18—1:00 p.m., April 20—1:00 p.m., April 26—11:00 a.m. and May 9,—1:00 p.m.)

Carried.

Request from Planning Director, Raymond Guernsey, for comments on the availability of a lot bordering the Grand River on South Street.

By The Parks Committee:

That the Park Board recommend to City Council that if the property bordering the Grand River at South Street, west of Wasington Avenue, can be obtained from the State of Michigan by payment of past due taxes, that the City of Lansing acquire same.

Carried.

Communication from Roger T. May, Chairman Buildings & Properties Committee of City Council relaying information on parcels of land offered for sale to the City.

By The Parks Committee:

That the Park Board advise Councilman Roger May, Chairman of Buildings and Properties Committee, that the parcels of land offered for sale at 1323 Christopher, 200 Mill St., 1201 N. Turner St., and 1308-10 N. Larch St. have no advantage that would benefit the Parks and Recreation Department as seen by this Board and that therefore we recommend the offers be declined.

Carried.

Letter from William Webb, Athletic Director, Everett High School relative to change in plans for the use of Municipal Field to stage the District Tournament to be held June 3, 1972, with a back-up date of June 5, in case of bad weather.

By The Parks Committee:

That the date of June 3, 1972, with Monday, June 5 as a back-up date in case of bad weather, be approved for Everett High School to host the District Baseball Tournament, as requested by William Webb, Athletic Director and Tournament Manager, at Municipal Field.

Carried.

Request from Ben Hassell, Coral Gables Soccer Club, to use Frances Park for playing soccer during the season April 15 to November 1, 1972.

By The Parks Committee:

That the request be granted to Ben Hassell for the use of Frances Park for Playing soccer during the season April 15 to November 1, 1972, subject to staff's approval of the exact schedule which is forthcoming.

Carried.

Communication from Mayor Graves concerning the planting of trees.

Placed on file.

Copy of reply to Mayor Graves concerning the planting of trees from David L. Phillips, Superintendent of Forestry.

Placed on file.

Letter from Robert Cool, Ass't. Supt. of Forestry, relative to participation in a NASA Remote Sensing Study.

Placed on file.

Request from Sgt. Raymon Rahall, Vice Pres., Ingham County Sherriffs Mounted Posse, to use Ranney Park for conducting a Rodeo June 9 thru 11, 1972.

Referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Christian Soderman and Mrs. Jacqueline Schraft were present representing the Capital Water Ski Club. Mr. Soderman explained the details of plans relative to three Water Ski Tournaments the Club has requested to conduct at our Grand River Park this summer.

By Mr. Fletcher:

That the Park Board recommend to City Council that permission be granted to the Capital Water Ski Club to hold three water

ski tournaments on the Grand River this summer, as outlined in their request dated January 24, 1972. The tentative dates requested approval on are July 21-23 for the Michigan State Water Ski Tournament; July 28-30 for the 5th Spartan Open; and a date in June (exact date to be determined later) for the 3rd Annual Herb LaGoe Jr. Slalom Tournament. It is further requested that coordination be obtained in the control of traffic for these events.

Carried.

Board Member George Sernerly arrived and joined the meeting.

#### REPORTS TO THE BOARD AND RESOLUTIONS

Ice Rink report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Director's monthly report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Cemetery financial report and proposal of change in burial space prices was submitted.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

Forestry Division Annual Report, 1971, was submitted.

Placed on file.

Vector Control Annual Report, 1971, was submitted.

Placed on file.

Cemetery Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

By The Forestry-Cemetery Committee:

That the request be granted for the removal of Infant Jane Anne Herstreit from the west end of Sub 7, Lot 108 Section D in Mt. Hope Cemetery to be reinterred in Sub. C-56 Section M in Evergreen Cemetery.

Carried.

By The Forestry-Cemetery Committee:

That the request for the removal of Doris Leone Scott be granted from the east end of sub. 8, Lot 262 Section Z of Mount Hope Cemetery to be reinterred in Sub. 5 Lot 106 Section E of Evergreen Cemetery.

Carried.

By The Forestry-Cemetery Committee:

That the request be granted for the removal of Ruth Leone Scott from the west end of Sub. 8 Lot 262 Section Z of Mount Hope Cemetery to be reinterred in Sub. 9 (east end) of Lot 312 Section N of Mount Hope Cemetery.

Carried.

Community Centers Division Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Forestry Division Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Parks Division Report submitted

Placed on file.

Carl G. Fenner Arboretum Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Recreation Division Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Consideration of proposed wording changes in Men's Softball Regulations was given.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

By The Recreation Committee:

That the proposed golf dates for 1972 be approved as follows:

Spring Best Ball—June 3-4—Groesbeck

All City Medal Play—July 7-8-9—Groesbeck

All City Jr.—July 10-11-12—Groesbeck

All City Seniors—July 23—Groesbeck



Boys Class "B" & "C"—July 31—August 1-2—Red Cedar

Women's All City—July 29-30—Groesbeck  
Boys Class "A"—August 7-8-9—Groesbeck  
Junior Girls—August 8-9—Red Cedar

Sycamore Handicap—August 22-23—Sycamore

Fall Best Ball—September 9-10—Groesbeck

All League—September 17—Groesbeck

Carried.

A letter referred from City Council from the State of Michigan in regard to an exchange of property known as Fairview Park between the State and Plymouth Congregational Church was submitted. Also a letter from Mr. Bill Blanchard strongly opposing the city giving up its rights to the property for such an exchange was read. At the request of Mr. Roger May, City Council Buildings and Properties Committee Chairman, a number of people were present at the meeting to discuss the matter.

Director Charles G. Hayden, Parks and Recreation Department, explained that Fairview Park was under a perpetual lease between the City of Lansing and the State of Michigan.

Mr. James Giddings attested to the fact that the lease was perfectly legal and valid in his opinion.

Bruce Ashley, present to represent Senator Phil Pittenger, spoke and distributed a "Position Paper" prepared by Mr. Pittenger on the property exchange.

Mr. William Brenke, City Council, questioned Mr. Ashley as to who assessed the two properties and pointed out that the City Assessor's appraisal of same was quite different than the one quoted by the State.

Mr. Walter McVicker, of the Administrative Division, State of Michigan spoke on subject.

Councilman May arrived.

John Goodell and Otis Hardy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Plymouth Congregational Church, spoke and answered questions regarding what transacting had been done between the State of Michigan (William Hettiger, Director of the administrative Division) and the Church on the exchange, and also told the advantage they felt in obtaining that location.

Councilman Gunther asked as to the expediency of the Church choosing a location. He was informed that the building has to be replaced by February 1975.

Mr. Frank Fitzgerald, Lansing Township Supervisor, was present and made some comments on the Township's feelings on the matter.

Representative Earl Nelson arrived and after listening to the discussion, he suggested that the group should be heard before a House of Representatives Committee, whichever the committee the matter is referred to, as the bill for this exchange had passed the Senate that same day and was now in the hands of the House of Representatives.

Among interested citizens who spoke in favor of retaining the property as park land were Gordon Spink (of the Sierra Club, Mr. Blanchard, Stephanie Sabia, Cecil Ferris, Floyd Twenter, (Northeast Neighborhood Association).

Councilman May proposed that a meeting be held between interested parties of the church, the State and the City of Lansing to seek a mutual understanding and agreement on the matter.

Referred to Committee of the Whole of the Park Board.

The park Board President called for a recess.

The Park Board reconvened following a short recess.

Mr. Smerly wished it to be made a matter of record that he was dismayed at the conduct of Senator Pittenger who sent his aide to represent him at the meeting and who did not inform us of the action taken on a bill passed in Senate today relative to the exchange of this land and the he does not appreciate Mr. Pittenger's endeavors in this matter.

Staff reports were given.

The Fairview Park exchange was discussed by the Park Board.

By Mr. Smerly:

That the Park Board recommend that City Council refuse to release any portion of the City's interest in the Fairview Park property, and further, the Board recommends that City Council use any funds necessary to protect and preserve the City's interest in maintaining this property, pursuant to the terms of the lease now in effect.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE RUST  
Secretary

Approved by:

CHARLES G. HAYDEN,  
Director  
Parks and Recreation

A request from the owners of the Olds Plaza Hotl P.R.D. Inc., for enter of the street parking on Michigan Ave. between Grand & Capitol was discussed. The traffic Board has approved a former request for center of the street metered parking. The Board recommended two rows of parallel metered parking in the center of Michigan Avenue between Grand & Capitol.

It was moved by Mr. Wrobel and supported by Mr. Tenny that Secretary Hayes be granted permission to attend the international Municipal Parking Congress convention in Hollywood, Florida, April 16-19, with a vacation following meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bushnell asked if there were any after effects with the changing of the speed limit to 35 MPH on Cananaugh Rd. from 25 MPH at Cedar to Penn RR tracks.

Mr. Pohl stated every thing was going along smoothly.

Mr. Bushnell asked if the Traffic Department received an Accident Analysis by Location report. Mr. Pohl stated this is obtained from LCC.

Lt. Cavanaugh explained a Time, Location and Type Accident and Enforcement Report is printed by the Michigan State Police Department which covers the state trunklines. A report was given to each Board member.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tenny asked if the traffic signal stop & go operation at Cedar (BL-96) & Greenlawn had been extended to cover the change of shifts at Ingham Medical Hospital at 11:30 P.M. Mr. Pohl stated that the traffic signal operation had been extended from 10 P.M. to Midnight.

Mrs. Guilford suggested that signs on four lane highways be erected reading SLOW TRAFFIC KEEP RIGHT.

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Vlahakis that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

LANSING TRAFFIC BOARD

Allen T. Hayes  
Secretary

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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### Proceedings, April 12, 1972

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The meeting was called to order by Vice President McFall.

Present: McFall, Kowalski, Fletcher, Swathwood, Harlow—5.

Absent: English, Powers, Smerly—3.

The minutes of the meeting held March 8, 1972 were approved as written.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Request from residents of Woodbridge Commons Cooperative for garden space.

By The Parks Committee:

Inasmuch as 49 residents of the Woodbridge Commons Cooperative housing, abutting Attwood Park, have indicated a desire

to use up to two acres of land for gardens, adjoining paid housing, the Park Board approves their request referring same to the Landscape and Park staff for the most suitable area to be used. This is to be permitted at no cost to the Department.

Carried.

Copy of letter from State Department of Administration relative to return of East one-half of Ferris Park.

Placed on file.

Copy of letter from Senator Pittenger to Lansing Township relative to disposal of our Fairview Park from Frank Fitzgerald.

Placed on file.

Certified Copy of Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Lansing at its meeting held March 21, 1972.

Placed on file.

Copy of testimony given before the Lansing Park Board by Gordon Spink, Sierra Club, concerning the land-swap between the State and Plymouth Congregational Church.

Placed on file.

Letter from State Highway Department offering to purchase portion of Riverside Park for construction of bridge over Grand River.

By Mr. Fletcher:

That the matter be tabled.

1 yeas; 4 nays.

By the Park Committee:

That the offer of State Highway Department to purchase that portion of Riverside Park needed for construction of a bridge in conjunction with the improvement of South Logan St. be recommended for approval to City Council, inasmuch as it is a necessary public improvement and according to the City Assessor is a fair and reasonable monetary offer, and further, that consideration has been made in the design of the bridge so that a pedestrian walk would exist beneath the span of the bridge that connects the east and west portions of the park.

4 yeas; 1 nay.

Carried.

Letter from Margaret Brooks, Program Director YWCA, requesting Ranney Tennis Courts on scheduled days, to which the Director had given tentative approval.

By Mr. Fletcher:

That the Park Board concur with the approval of the request.

Carried.

Request from A. Charles Wier, Holy Cross School, to use West Side Park for baseball practice and games.

By the Parks Committee:

That the Park Board approve the request of A. Charles Wier to use Westside Park For Holy Cross School sponsored Junior

high baseball team for practice sessions and games daily from March 27 through May 21 and scheduled Wednesday and Sunday games. It is understood that games are scheduled from April 16 through May 20 with game times being at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesdays and 2:00 P.M. on Sundays. It is further understood that they will assume the responsibility of lining the field for all games and that a charge of \$20.00 is required to be applied for the season.

Carried.

Letter of thanks for Senior Citizens programs put on at Oliver Towers.

Placed on file.

Request from Kay Purves, Manager The Lansing Laurels, for use of Ranney Parks on June 11, 1972 at not cost for Muscular Distrophy Foundation benefit.

By Mr. Fletcher:

Due to a pending commitment for the rental of Ranney Park on June 11, 1972, to another organization, that the Park Board permit the rental to the Lansing Laurels at another park on that date at the regular fee adopted for non-profit organizations, or they may rent Ranney Park on a date other than June 11, 1972.

Carried.

Ben Hassel submitted copy of soccer schedule at Frances Park.

Placed on file.

Request from Youth for Christ to use Frances Park pavilion April 22, 1972, for "Wild Goose Chase".

By the Parks Committee:

That the Park Board grant permission as in the past to the Lansing Youth For Christ organization to use the Frances Park Pavilion on April 22, 1972 for "Wild Goose Chase".

Carried.

Submission of rate schedule for use of Genessee Center by Model Cities.

By the Finance Committee:

That the Park Board approve the rate fee for Model Cities use of Genessee Center as submitted as follows: Auditorium—\$25.00 per hour; Activity Room—\$24.00 per



hour; Performing Arts—\$17.50 per hour. These prices include all utilities, equipment and set up for meetings, except for movie projector or slide projector which will be furnished by Model Cities. The city will furnish a watchman, to be charged to the Model Cities labor account. All arrangements are to be made through Mr. Ben Perez and Mr. John J. DesRochers.

Carried.

Request from Harland Kline for fencing to be cooperatively erected at the rear of his property abutting Clifford Park.

By the Park Committee:

That the request from Harland Kline for fencing to be erected at the rear of his property abutting Clifford Park be provided under the terms of our Park Fencing Policy, provided budgeted funds are available.

Carried.

Letter from John E. Beach, Legal Intern City Attorney, stating that the city is exempt from provision of economic control of burial fees at our cemeteries.

Referred to Committee of the Whole for recommendation at next meeting.

Letter referred from City Council requesting River Park parking lot between Lenawee and St. Joe Street be used for recreational purposes.

By The Parks Committee:

Study by our landscape architects shows that cost of materials for converting the River Street Park parking area into two tennis courts, a basketball court and a multi-purpose hard surface area for two badminton courts, a tetherball and volley ball court would amount to slightly over \$15,500. Cost of removal of extra asphalt from the lot would amount to roughly \$2,200. Inasmuch as there are no funds planned for, nor available for this purpose in the Department, we do not recommend pursuance of the plan presented to City Council by Judith Herrera.

Carried.

Proposal to dispose of tree limbs at two sites for shredding and chipping by George D. Voss referred from City Council.

By the Forestry Committee:

Inasmuch as review of possibilities for disposal of tree limbs and waste wood

shows that the City can resort to more economical means than that offered by George D. Voss, the Park Board recommends that his offer be declined but in the event that present plans cannot be carried out, a review of his offer be reinstituted.

Carried.

Notice that City Council has approved cooperative use of West Side Drop-In Center with O.E.O. on March 27, 1972.

Placed on file.

Sgt. Raymon Rahall, Jerry Asthquist, and Charles Oakley of the Ingham County Sheriffs Mounted Posse were present and answered questions the Board had in regard to their request made at the March meeting to conduct a Rodeo at Ranney Park on June 9, 10 and 11, 1972.

By Mr. Harlow:

That the request of Sgt. Ray Rahall of the Sheriffs Mounted Posse to use Ranney Park on June 9, 10 and 11 for a charge of the rates agreed upon and in accordance with their presentation be granted.

Carried.

Cemetery Division Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Community Centers Division Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Forrestry Division Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Parks Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Carl G. Fenner Arboretum Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Recreation Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Ralph Cascarilla, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, introduced Elmer J. Lehotsky, Central Region Director of Little League Baseball.

Mr. Fletcher left the meeting.

Mr. Lehotsky gave his presentation on Little League Baseball and answered questions of the Board members relative to same.

Mr. Bob Cavazos was also present and spoke briefly concerning the possible use of certain areas of Risdale Park for Little League Baseball.

By the Committee of the Whole:

Whereas, Harland R. Kline has been employed by the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department for eighteen years and three months, and

Whereas, he is retiring, being subject to the retirement policy of the City, and

Whereas, Harland has served the City with whole-hearted effort, being ever mindful of the best interest of the City and being dedicated that these interests be

adhered to while pursuing his procedural details, and

Whereas, he has labored unstintingly and always with a spirit of cooperation, and

Whereas, his industriousness, integrity, ability, work interest and his wholesome friendship with Department and other City personnel have contributed so much,

Therefore Be It Resolved that each and everyone of us concerned acknowledge and wish the best of health and happiness to Harland Kline in all his years of retirement.

Carried.

Gerald Miller and Mark Hornung briefly reported on the progress at the Children's Zoo at Potter Park.

Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

Charles G. Hayden, Director  
Parks and Recreation

Respectfully submitted,

JANE RUST,  
Secretary

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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Proceedings, April 13, 1972

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The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman John Brady at 7:35 P.M.

Members present: Claude Buxton, John Brady, Joseph Relaney, Robert Corbit and Grey Turney—5.

Members absent: Ralph Gunthorpe and Councilman Moore—2.

Inspectors present: William Miles and Leo Fox.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after the words "was held" were added and the word employed was changed to employing.

### OLD BUSINESS

The following letter was read: Vehicle identification for Plumbing Contractors.

"The laws of the State of Michigan currently require only signs for licensed master plumbers at their place of business. The proposal to have all plumbing contractors identify their vehicles, goes well beyond the State requirements, but does not make such a regulation offensive to the State Law. The law also gives the local governing unit the right to impose reasonable rules and regulations by Ordinance, Charter, or other Act, in order to safeguard the public health.

"As long as such rule or regulations is reasonable, as a means of achieving public

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, May 10, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President Justin G. English.

Present: English, McFall, Kowalski, Fletcher, Swathwood, Harlow—6.

Absent: Powers, Semerly—2.

The minutes of the meeting held April 12, 1972, corrected to give garden privileges to residents at "Village Townhouses Cooperative" instead of the stated "Woodbridge Commons Cooperative," were approved as corrected and written.

Mr. Richard R. Rashid was present and made a request to the Board for the use of Ranney Park during the month of October 1972, where he and Mr. Philip D. Farhat wish to conduct a musical concert.

Mr. George Semerly, Board Member, arrived.

Mr. Rashid continued with the explanation of his proposal and answered questions put forth by the Park Board. The matter was discussed by the Board.

Tabled.

Mr. Robert J. Williams of the Capitol Office of Economic Opportunity was present and related his agency's intended functions in connection with the use of the West Side Drop In Center facility.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from J. C. Williams, as directed by the Westside Community Advisory Board, relative to maintenance of service and staff at the West Side Community Drop In Center.

Placed on file.

Letter and suggested personnel plans relative to the West Side Drop In Center,

written by Dorothy Terry, Representative Westside Advisory Board, was submitted.

Placed on file.

By The Recreation Committee:

Whereas it has now been ascertained that the Capitol Area Economic Committee, which has been given permission to occupy the West Side Drop In Center with programs for social, economic and health benefits, will not be scheduling recreation programs, and

Whereas it is deemed important to supply the community with recreation activities, and

Whereas study has shown that 120 hours per week of leadership during certain afternoon and evening hours would be sufficient for this benefit at a cost of \$23,000 during the next fiscal year,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Park Board recommend to the City Council that this sum be added to the amount tentatively granted in the 1972-73 budget account 101-718-706.03 for this express purpose, making a total of \$29,000 requested in this account.

Carried.

Mr. Joseph J. Matt, Joseph J. Filko and Mr. Edward Noonan were present and spoke relative to a request made by the Northside Athletic and Recreation Club for permission to use a baseball diamond in Risdale Park for Little League play. They were advised that permission had already been given to Bob Cavazos for use this year for that purpose.

A letter written by Vincent S. Jones to Mr. Louis A. Weil, Jr., informed the Board of a \$10,000 grant for the Children's Zoo project from the Frank E. Gannett Newspaper Foundation, Inc.

Referred to the Director to send letters of thanks and prepare resolution of gratitude to Mr. Louis A. Weil, Jr.



Bob Cavazos appeared at the meeting and offered volunteer help from his staff at the Northside Athletic and Recreation Club to work in our recreation program scheduled at Porter Park this summer.

Referred to Staff.

Copy of letter to Jane Rhodes from Frank C. Rutledge, Department of Theatre, M.S.U., requesting to repeat its summer children's program in the parks, performing eight shows, from July 23 thru August 11 at selected playgrounds.

By Mr. Semerly:

That the request as submitted by Miss Rhodes be granted by the Park Board.

Carried.

Letter from Boys' Club of Lansing, Inc., relative to a proposed outdoor program.

By Mr. Semerly:

That the Park Board grant permission to the Boys' Club of Lansing, Inc., to conduct an outdoor program according to the offer outlined in their letter of May 3, 1972, with the provision that our Recreation staff keep check from time to time on the situations existing under their leadership.

Carried.

Copy of letter sent to Governor Milliken by John M. Bohunsky opposing the Fairview property exchange between the State of Michigan and the Plymouth Congrega-

Placed on file.

Letter of thanks for the use of Frances Park by Youth for Christ group in connection with its annual "Wild Goose Chase."

Placed on file.

Letter from Department of Natural Resources relative to technical assistance on Park and Recreation issues and problems which they offer.

Referred to Staff to send copies of the questionnaire to the Board Members.

Request from "Deputy Dave" Winchell, W.J.I.M., to obtain a permit to take a mobile entertainment unit to various locations during the summer months, utilizing puppets, magic, giant costume characters, music, stories and other features.

By Mr. Semerly:

That the Park Board permit Mr. Winchell to take his mobile entertainment unit to various parks this summer, with the provision that scheduling be done with staff.

Carried.

A correspondence from Mr. Elmer J. Lehotsky, Director of Central States Region of Little League Baseball, was read into the minutes, as requested by Ralph Cascarilla, Administrative Assistant to Mayor Graves.

Placed on file.

Request from Navigators on Michigan State University campus to have a picnic-carnival event in Frances Park pavilion on May 20, 1972.

By the Parks Committee:

That the Navigators on Michigan State University campus group be granted permission to reserve the Frances Park pavilion at the usual fee for a picnic-carnival event on May 20, 1972, with the understanding that our general park rules be observed, such as no public address system shall be used, no music or religious services held, and that plans for the precise booths to be constructed and games to be played and the clean-up arrangements be reviewed with the group and approved by staff before this permission becomes effective.

Carried.

Directors report submitted.

Placed on file.

Cemetery Division report submitted.

Placed on file.

Community Centers Division report submitted.

Placed on file.

Forestry Division report submitted.

Placed on file.

Parks Division report submitted.

Placed on file.

Arboretum report submitted.

Placed on file.

Recreation Division report submitted.

Placed on file.

By the Parks Committee:

That the customary table fee be forgiven the Friends of the Zoo Society for reserving 30 tables for a picnic in Potter Park pavilion on June 25, 1972.

Carried.

Proposals of raising grave prices in municipal cemeteries was considered.

By Mr. Smerly:

That cemetery burial rights be raised to a charge of \$4.00 per sq. ft., with a change of perpetual care participation being made from 70% to 50%, and to be effective July 1, 1972.

5 Yeas; 1 Nay.

Carried.

A complete set of Athletic Rules was submitted by Gary Jacob, Supt. of Recreation.

By Mr. Smerly:

In the General Rules and Regulations for the men's section, on page 2 under Sec. "d"- "3", that it be clarified by correcting to read: Consider Slow Pitch Softball

and Fast Pitch Softball to be same sport."

4 Yeas; 3 Nays.

Carried.

John Lipka, Cemetery Foreman IV-B, was present and spoke to the Board relative to the proposed elimination of one of the two Cemetery Foreman IV-B positions in the 1972-73 budget.

By Mr. Smerly:

That the Park Board recommend to City Council that the two positions of Cemetery Foreman IV-B be retained for a period of the next fiscal year in the budget, or until a more suitable classification structure can be worked out in anticipation that the affected foreman can be phased into a comparable position with the City.

5 Yeas; 1 Abstain.

Carried.

Staff reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE RUST  
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Charles G. Hayden, Director  
Parks and Recreation

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, June 14, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President English.

Present: English, McFall, Kowalski, Powers, Fletcher, Sawthwood, Harlow—7.

Absent: Semerly—1.

The minutes of the meeting held May 10, 1972, were approved as written.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Ann Kron, President West Side Neighborhood Association, requesting use of St. Joseph Park for July 4th picnic.

Replied to by Staff and placed on file.

Copy of Letter from Governor's office (Department of Administration) to John M. Bohunsky relative to the Plymouth Congregational Church-Fairview Park exchange.

Placed on file.

Letter from Paul A. Herbert relative to the Fairview Park-Plymouth Congregational Church exchange.

Placed on file.

Request by Robert B. Black to grant permission to about 50 ladies who are delegates to the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Convention to play Groesbeck Golf Course on September 26, 1972, with fees waived.

By Mr. Powers—

That the Park Board grant the request to waive greens fees to ladies who are delegates to the Michigan Municipal League Convention who will be participating in a Ladies Golf Day event at Groesbeck golf course on September 26, 1972, provided that City Council appropriates funds to cover their fees and credits same

to our golf account to keep golf account in proper order.

Carried.

Request from Derold W. Husby, Chief of Police, to anchor guy wires on park property in connection with the Police Communications system.

By The Parks Committee—

That the request of Derold W. Husby, Chief of Police be granted to anchor guy wires on park property in the field behind Groesbeck Golf Course service building in connection with the Police radio communications system.

Carried.

Petition referred from City Council requesting a park or recreation area in Marscot Meadows.

Referred to Parks Committee.

A referral from Mayor Graves of an offer of property at 4827 Aurelius Road, owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Novak.

By the Committee of the Whole—

Inasmuch as the Park Board would be interested in acquiring the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Novak at 4827 Aurelius Road because of it being adjacent to Munn Park and would provide access to same, provided funds are available it is recommended that this offer be considered by City Council.

Carried.

Request from Adelbert Jones, College of Urban Comm. Dev. for use of tennis courts at St. Joseph, Reasoner and Oak Parks for tennis program for youth. .

By Mr. Powers—

That the request of Adelbert Jones for use of tennis courts at St. Joseph,



Reasoner and Oak Parks for a tennis program for youth this summer be approved provided the necessary details are worked out with staff and has staff approval.

Carried.

Park Board member George Semerly arrived at the meeting—8:30 P.M.

Cemetery Division Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Community Centers Report submitted.

Placed on file.

Forestry Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Parks Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Arboretum Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Recreation Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Director's Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

By the Forestry-Cemetery Committee—

That the request of Agnes Skoczylas be granted for the removal of a tree from Sub. 5 Lot 287 Section N of Mount Hope Cemetery and to then move the vault of Lawrence Skoczylas approximately 18 in. (for burial alignment), upon receipt of payment by Mrs. Skoczylas of \$12.00 to cover the cost of the removal of the tree and replacement of sod.

Carried.

By Mr. McFall—

That the \$12.00 fee referred to in the above resolution be removed from the resolution.

Carried.

By the Forestry-Cemetery Committee—

That the request of Minnie Baldwin and Jerry C. Baldwin be granted to remove the remains of their daughter Jerene Carol Baldwin from Sub. 4 Lot 271 Section B in Evergreen Cemetery to Sub. 3 Lot 424 Section 0 of Evergreen Cemetery in order that she may be in the family lot.

Carried.

A Rock-Concert Survey report was presented by Theodore J. Haskell on past experiences of other communities.

The request of Richard Rashid and Philip Farhat to conduct a musical concert in Ranney Park which was tabled at the May 10th meeting was returned to the table and discussed.

Park Board member George M. Harlow excused himself from the meeting.

By Mr. Semerly—

That the Park Board approve and recommend that City Council permit use of Ranney Park for a musical concert as requested by Richard Rashid and Philip D. Farhat at a rental of \$5,000.00 for a Sunday afternoon during the month of October, 1972. This recommendation is predicated from the study prepared and presented on this date by Mr. Theodore J. Haskell on past experience of other communities, and that this be permitted provided Mr. Rashid and Mr. Farhat work with staff and other city authorities as necessary.

3 yeas: Semerly, McFall, Fletcher.

2 nays: Swathwood, Kowalski.

1 abstinence: Powers.

Carried.

By Mr. McFall—

That the \$5,000 received as rental as referred to in the above resolution be earmarked as a contribution to the Zoo Trust Account no. 712-690, provided the necessary approval can be obtained.

6 yeas: Semerly, McFall, Fletcher, Swathwood, Kowalski, Powers.

Carried.

A proposal of raising the cost of school golf coupon books was discussed.

Tabled.

President English announced that a resolution of gratitude favoring Louis Weil for his many contributions in the establishment of the Children's Zoo at Potter Park was presented to Mr. Weil and his wife.

Gary Jacob, Superintendent of Recreation, asked the Board consideration to change the age requirement to 58 for men to be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Golf Card.

Referred to the Recreation Committee.

Staff reports were given.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
JANE RUST, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Charles G. Hayden, Director  
Parks and Recreation.

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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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## Proceedings, June 12, 1972

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Members present: Keith Miller, Douglas Jones, Howard Lutz and Keith Norris—4.

Member excused: Dean Battley—1.

Inspectors present: Dale Hoover and Ray Dwyer—2.

Inspector excused: James Rice—1.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Norris.

This was a special meeting to finalize the new electrical examinations.

Motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Lutz to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
RAY J. DWYER,  
Secretary.

Mr. Sullivan, that nominations be closed and Mr. Emery declared unanimously elected.

Motion carried.

The floor was opened for nomination of Vice Chairman. Mr. Tableman nominated Mr. Zapata. Motion Mr. Sullivan, second Mrs. Bock, that nominations be closed and Mr. Zapata declared unanimously elected.

Motion carried.

Motion Mrs. Bock, second Mr. Emery, that C. H. Pesterfield be reappointed

Engineer and Norman Donovan reappointed Secretary for fiscal 1972-1973.

Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held July 26, 1972, at 7:30 p.m., in Room C-36, City Hall. Motion Mr. Tableman that the meeting be adjourned. So ordered at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE WEEKS, Chairman  
NORMA DONOVAN,  
Secretary

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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### Special Meeting, June 27, 1972

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The meeting was called to order by President English.

Present: English, Swathwood, McFall, Fletcher—4.

Absent: Kowalski, Semerly, Harlow Powers—4.

The Committee of the Whole considered the presentation of the concept of a Bicentennial Park to be located in Lansing.

By the Committee of the Whole:

That the Park Board endorse the concept of a Bicentennial Park to be located in Lansing along the Grand River. The Bicentennial Park concept, as outlined by Rossetti Associates, is that of an Urban park for the people of Michigan, to celebrate the American Revolution Bicentennial, and to be used as a historical, cultural, educational and recreational resource thereafter. Inasmuch as this concept is in keeping with the general objectives of the Park Board, it is recommended that City Council of Lansing give the proposal prompt consideration and support.

Carried.

A request for a removal and reinterment in Mount Hope Cemetery was considered by the Board members present.

By Mr. Fletcher:

That the Committee of the Whole authorize the removal and reinterment of the remains of the late Hattie Wischewski Hollister from Sub.1 of Lot 37 Section U in Mount Hope Cemetery to Sub 2 of the same lot at no expense to the family.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE RUST, Secretary.

APPROVED BY:

Charles G. Hayden, Director  
Parks and Recreation.